

Among Our Friends



This is Rowena Johnson (left) from Denver. Her mother, Betty, is Irish and her father, Roger, is a Swede. That, naturally, makes Rowena a Lithuanian, as you can see by the costume she is wearing. The picture was taken atop Lookout Mountain at the Lighted Lantern Camp, where Rowena and her folks attended the folk dance camp. (Foto Fin).

To right: Juanita Wood, folk dance leader in Anchorage, Alaska is shown with Paul Plungis, Lith folk dancer from Elizabeth, N. J. who was stationed near Anchorage and along with other Liths attended her classes at the Y. All are ever welcome at her classes.

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Dick Crum, from St. Paul, Minn. who will be in Stockton next summer, is quite a busy lad. Makes Linguaphone records in German and Spanish, has a big part in the preparation of the famous Festival of Nations in St. Paul, teaches at the International Institute, attends University, teaches English to new immigrants and has a Kolo workshop. Otherwise he doesn't know what to do with the time he hasn't got.

Beatrice Sarett Tesch, formerly of Chicago and now a Californian, flew for ten day visit to be with her husband Bernard in Tokyo . . . Dorothy Tamburini of San Carlos, Cal. received from the Buhlers in London a Macedonian bag, Jugo shoes, hat, belt, colored costume, etc. etc. Lucky Dotty . . . Beth and Charles Fawkes from Chicago flew all the way to Los Angeles to be at the Joukowski Institute during July 29-30 . . . Alice Whitmire, formerly of Chicago and now a music teacher in Claremont, Wyoming, had her music students present a program of songs and folk dances which included Western American, Polish, Lithuanian, Basque and French.

Ted Sannella, well loved and jolly dance leader in the Boston area had to leave a newly acquired wife and newly established business and do some grand marching for Uncle Sam. Have fun . . . We regret to announce once again that Chuck Prater, former Navy boy who was a VILTIS dancer this past year and now back home in Childress, Texas, had to be hospitalized again with a liver ailment. Texas doesn't seem to agree even with a Texan. Hurry and get well—mach schnell!

Roy Hinton, while en route back to St. Elmo, Ill. after his discharge from the Navy, stopped off in Childress, Tex. for four days to visit his former shipmate Chuck Prater . . . Richard Bannock AA finished his course at Norman, Okla. and was transferred to Memphis, Tenn. . . . Irisher Wayne Kelly from Granite City, Ill., also a former VILTIS dancer, joined the Jewish dance group of Leah

Millman at the St. Louis YMHA and is busy entertaining and demonstrating at various institutions.

Sydney Dector, besides his involvement in Social Service work and folk dancing, is also a leader of a "Great Book Discussion Group" in the Philadelphia area . . . Another Social Service personage, of whom we have quite a number, is Herbert Hyman of Hartford, Conn. All are trying to ease humanity's problems and aches. Good luck.

Millie Libaw of Los Angeles, whose seven most favorite hobbies are folk dancing which she does seven days a week (and twice on Sunday), is on the move again. She is leaving on March 17th for Europe and Israel. Meanwhile, a series of farewell parties were given in her honor by all L. A. folk dance groups. "Fohr Gezunt" and have fun!

On Xmas Eve Mary Czernek and Stanley Jozefiak were engaged. The wedding is to take place in June. Mary (Sister of Emily, Jane and Sophie) was one of the N. W. University House Polish folk dancers and columnist for Chicago's Polish Daily, Dziennik Związkowy and president of the PNA Youth choir. Sto Lat! . . . Emily Mucha, of the same gang, spent the last two weeks of February in California, seeing Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego. She is a leader of a Polish ethnic group, teaches at the International House and one a "Miss Polka Queen" title.

During the Valentine party in Corvallis sponsored by the folk dancers, the Mayor of Corvallis and wife led the procession with the CASTEL TER SCL, Catalan ceremonial dance . . . Lt. Gordon Wicker, jg., one of VILTIS Goats (Oželis) is now sailing the seas for a six-week "operation" which will take him to Seattle and back. The other "goat", Jack Mona, TE3, USN, will be discharged during mid March. The goats were the hit of the season in Southern Calif.

Jack Stukas of Hillside, N. J., a youthful Lith of many accomplishments and several degrees, is studying for a doctorate in a new field of Public Affairs and Regional Studies. He conducts several radio hours (Lith and otherwise), a folk dance group (Ruta) and choral ensemble and is actively occupied in dozens of Lith noteworthy undertakings . . . Jeannette "Babe" Mucha, one of our gals from Chicago's Polish group was appointed to a position with the Chicago Park District and will be instructing at Eckhart Park, Szczeczenia!

Harold and Lois Ryan, great folk dance enthusiasts from Denver, Colo., area have come out with a well-composed mimeographed brochure, "Rocky Mountain Folk Dance Crier" carrying local chat, dance descriptions, etc. Good job, you two. Mazal Tov! . . . Liutas Grinius, son of the former president of free Lithuania and now serving in Uncle Sam's army, was transferred to the Atomic test site in Nevada and enjoys the experience. Liutas is a former folk dancer with Chicago's ATEITIS group.

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GORDON ENGLER MOVED TO L. A.

Gordon Engler, native of Minneapolis who lived for the past years in San Diego, moved to Los Angeles. While in San Diego he became active in the folk dance circles, belonging to the Tuesday Nighters and VILTIS dancers and helped considerably Evelyn Prewett in her classes. He was also the immediate past president of the San Diego Folk Dancers. He will be greatly missed in San Diego and we wish him luck in his new place of residence.

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MILE-HI F. D. ELECTIONS

This season's news officers for Mil-Hi folk dancers of Denver, Colo are: Don Phillips - President, — Jim Fenton - Vice President, Ginny Olson Phillips - Secretary, Mary Tymkowich - Treasurer.

is beautiful and truly eternal springtime. There are absolutely no extreme winter or summer. The days are warm and the nights cool (cold). One has to learn how to adjust between these two contrasts. One evening I worked up into a sweat climbing up a four block hill and instead of entering within the building I stayed out chatting for an hour as cold winds chilled me through thoroughly. Well, through "mea maxima culpa—my most grievous fault" I had me a peachy cold, just when I had a wedding to attend, the Lith festival and a Valentine party. All my life was like that. Inspite of it—San Diego and environs have America's enviable climate and those who have lived here will vouchsafe for it. (This is not the Chamber of Commerce). 'Nuff Said. More anon. A glorious Easter and Passover.

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Papadol—Slampyak

Marion Papadol (mother of "baby-doll" Lani Papadol, who's an active and beautiful dancer in the Los Angeles area), was married on Dec. 19th, 1954, to Andrew Slampyak, a member of the HAYDUK Kolo Orchestra. That will suit kolo-friend Lani well. She now has a tamburitsa in the family. To the newly-weds our sincere felicitations. Olson—Phillips

Virginia (Ginnie) Olson, an "all around" talented dancer of Denver's MILE-HI Club, was wed on Dec. 31st to Donald James Phillips at the University Park Methodist Church, Denver, and started the New Year one of wedded bliss which we know will continue for ever after. Sincerest wishes for all happiness. Don is President and Ginny Secretary of the Mile-Hi Folk Dancers.

Farwell—Hinrich

Jane Farwell, the play party gal known and loved by many through her activities at Oglebay Institute (Wheeling, W. Va.), Mt. Horeb (Wis.) Xmas parties and many other folk dance institutes, was married to Jurgen Hinrich 3rd in Dodgeville, Wis., and sailed with her husband for Spekendorf, Germany on January 13th. Many good wishes for all the happiness follow her where ever she may go.

Miles—Ruch

Linnea Edith Miles, VILTIS folk dancer from San Diego was married on Feb. 11th to LTJG Martin Ruch from Illinois. They met at the VILTIS group's rehearsals. The wedding took place at the United Brethren Church. Heartiest congratulations.

Kennett—Grothe

Walter Grothe, the "Mr. Folk Dance Federation" known to every Californian folk dancer, was married on Jan. 22 to pretty and charming Miriam Kennett. Mazal Tov and Happy Dancing for ever after.

Grotzinger—Serna

Beverly Grotzinger of Gardena, Cal. and a Gandy folk dancer, married on Feb. 4th to Jim Serna, via elopement, and every really was caught by surprise. We wish them all the good luck in the world.



Barbara Ann Welch

A second daughter weighing six lbs. arrived to former grid star Bill Welch and wife Dorothy, on January 6th at Marshall, Minn. Bill is formerly of White Bear Lake, Minn. and an Army Vet in the Pacific arena. Congratulations.

Gen Raymond Kaupas

Former ATEITIS star dancer, Ed Kaupas, and beautiful Mary, are the proud parents of a second son born in Detroit, Mich. on January 5th. The parents are Chicagoans and to all our sincerest felicitations.

Eric Sarett Saunders

Eric is claimed by Charlotte and George Saunders formerly of Chicago (she an LYS dancer) and now of Santa Monica. He arrived on Geo. Washington's Birthday, Jan. 22. A good thing there are no cherry trees around Santa Monica, or else he better not get any hatchets for presents. To the Sarets and Saunders a Mazal Tov and congratulations.

Patricia Stukas

The Stukas Clan in the Newark, N. J. area is expanding. Brother Gus and wife Rita are the proud parents of a gal who made her debut on Jan. 15th. Ilgaiusiu Metu to all.

Ludmilla Marta Perry

The loveable couple, Jeanne and Larry Perry, are the proud parents of their first child who kolo'd in along with the stork on Feb. 6th. Mama Jeanne danced the kolo in exhibition even while the stork was flying over their roof and had to wait till he caught Jeanne in bed in order to deposit the bundle. Joy to all of you.

Pamela Jane Weaver

The first "sweet and new" thing arrived to Dick and Judy (nee Fixx) Weaver of Dayton, Ohio on Feb. 24th. Judy and Dick were quite active in the folk dance circles of that area and well loved by all and all join VILTIS to wish the proud parents all the good fortune in the world.

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Aureli Capmany

Through Commander Wm. and Mrs. Francis, who were intimately acquainted with the Capmany family, we learned that Senyor Aureli Capmany, noted Catalan folklorist and author of the books *La Dansa A Catalunya* and *El Ball I La Dansa Popular A Catalunya* died in Barcelona (Spanish Catalonia) on October 9th, 1954. Senyor Capmany suffered an accident while presiding at a folkloric Christmas customs gathering. He left many unpublished manuscripts which his wife and son plan to publish soon. Requiescat in Pace.

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